

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1006

Introduced by: Representatives Pederson (Gordon) and Lintz and Senator Vitter

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Larry Luitjens of Custer on achieving the most wins ever by a South Dakota boys' high school basketball coach.

WHEREAS, Larry Luitjens, boys' basketball coach at Custer High School, is in his thirty-third year of coaching boys' basketball in South Dakota – four years at DeSmet and twenty-nine years at Custer; and

WHEREAS, Larry Luitjens has coached fifteen of those teams to a state tournament and has coached teams to state championships in 1970 and 1971 while at DeSmet and in 1990, 1992, 1993, and 1998 while at Custer; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2002, Coach Larry Luitjens lead his current Custer team to a victory over Hot Springs - the five hundred seventy-eighth victory of his South Dakota coaching career; and

WHEREAS, with this victory, Coach Luitjens, achieved the most wins by a South Dakota boys' high school basketball coach in state history:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature congratulates and honors Coach Larry Luitjens of Custer on his five hundred seventy-eighth victory as a boys' high school basketball coach in the state, the most ever by a South Dakota high school basketball coach.